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BIRTH.
On the 23rd February, at 180, Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai, the wife of EDWARD W. MATT- LAND, of a daughter.

The Daily Press.
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HONGKONG, 1st MARCH, 1904

ABOUT the end of the third week of January last—the news was first published to the world on the 23rd of that month—Cora proclaimed that, in event of war between Japan and Russia, she would remain neutral. It was announced very shortly after this that Russia did not approve of the declaration; yet, almost at the same time, it was reported that it was due to the machinations of a secret association of Belgians, French, and Russians in communication with some of the higher Korean officials that the Seoul Government had taken the step. On the 8th February the Russian warship *Korsets*, coming out of Chemulpo harbour, fired what is alleged to have been the first shot in the war at a Japanese squadron then approaching Chemulpo. On the next day the Japanese vessels destroyed the *Korsets* and *Varyag*, and proceeded to land troops at Chemulpo. Refusing to recognise the neutrality of Korea, the Japanese proceeded to occupy Seoul, which was in their hands about the 11th ultimo. Whether simultaneously they effected a landing in any other part of Korea is unknown. It seems more than probable that they did so at Fusan at least, in order to keep control of the unfinished Fusan-Seoul railway line; and the large number of transports known to have been collected at Nagasaki and elsewhere have not yet been accounted for. All means of telegraphic communication (except Russian land lines to Europe) having been in Japanese hands for some time, it is easy to understand why we should have heard nothing of what has been happening in

Southern and Eastern Korea. Anyhow, it is certain that the Korean capital has been in Japan's possession for nearly twenty days, that she has been pouring troops in, while her fleet has securely tied up the Russian squadron at Port Arthur, and that her forces have been steadily advancing on Ping-yang, in Phyeong-an, the north-western-most province of Korea. Now it appears, by our Kobe telegram which we publish to-day, that on the 23rd February Caren signed a treaty of alliance with Japan, apparently, as our correspondent says, ranging her with Japan as a belligerent and rendering invalid her previous declaration of neutrality. Perhaps the precise significance of this alliance is not great. Seoul and the Korean Court being in Japanese custody, Korea could but fall in with Japan's wishes. For Korea all that the agreement with Japan means is that Korea will give up the hopeless task of attempting to maintain neutrality between the two Powers preparing to battle in her territory, neither of whom in the slightest degree intended to respect her neutrality. In event of Russian success in the war she might fall a prey to Russia (with the consent of Europe and the United States); but, had she remained neutral, Russian success would still have meant Russia's predominance in, and gradual absorption of, Korea. On the other hand, Korea's alliance with Japan promises to her, should Japan win, a larger measure of autonomy under Japanese guidance than she could otherwise expect. In yielding to compulsion, Korea has done herself at least no harm.

Assured by the new Protocol of Korea's aid, Japan has pushed forward rapidly, and on Sunday last had reached the town of Ping-yang or Phyeong-yang, a town some 120 to 130 miles north-north-west of Seoul, in the province known as Phyeong-an. Here, though the place is 100 miles on the Korean side of the Yalu River, Russian cavalry scouts were met and driven back by the Japanese infantry. The outposts of the hostile armies are therefore in close touch in North-west Korea, and a heavy engagement cannot be far off. The relative strength of the opposing forces is, of course, absolutely unknown to us. Russia's military movements since the outbreak of war have been lost in entire obscurity, and Japan's only slightly less so. Wiju, on the east bank of the Yalu estuary, is in Russian hands, but there is the Japanese fleet to threaten Russia's flank, with part of its strength, if only Port Arthur can be "bottled up," as it does not seem to be yet. Last week's news of Japan's move at Possiet Bay has not been confirmed. A distance of considerably more than 300 miles separates Possiet Bay from the scene of the coming collision, so that the two movements, if harmonious, would be distinct. A mystery surrounds the proceedings of the four strong Russian cruisers which sunk a small Japanese steamer off the Hokkaido on the 11th February. After being reported damaged by a Japanese torpedo-squadron, they were said to have retired to Vladivostok; but there has been no certainty about them. If they are at Vladivostok, it is highly improbable that the Japanese could land at Possiet Bay, not 60 miles away, without a naval engagement. Accounts of the progress of events in the extreme North must be received with extreme caution. And, indeed, the same might almost be said of those regarding events on the other side of Korea; only it is impossible that all the latter could be hidden. We have the advantage of reading some of the Japanese official despatches, which seem on the whole fairly free from exaggeration, a remark which cannot be made of Admiral ALEXIEFF's despatches. The fable about the four sunken Japanese battleships must make us very chary of crediting Russian official reports. Russia is certainly very consistent in her adoption of the worse rôle in her contest with Japan.

Mr. Johnstone, who was thrown at the Races on Saturday and dislocated his shoulder, is reported to be progressing favourably, we are pleased to hear.

Royal sanction has been given to the alteration of the title of the Hongkong-Singapore Battalion of Royal Artillery to Hongkong-Singapore Battalion of Royal Garrison Artillery.

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 28th February, 1904, were 193 non-Chinese and 61 Chinese to the former, and 45 non-Chinese and 5,475 Chinese to the latter institution.

On the 26th inst., before Mr. Sercombe Smith, a lady was fined \$10 for neglecting to exhibit a light on her sailing yacht, whilst at anchor off Waigial, between sunset and sunrise. The charge was framed on Section 25, sub-section 2 of Ordinance 36 of 1899. This might be taken as a warning to yacht-owners to see that their boat-keepers observe the harbour regulations.

The Chinese gunboat *Che-to*, Capt. Tso Kow Ying, arrived from Canton yesterday.

H.M.S. *Ocean*, *Cressy*, and *Centurion* left yesterday for Mirs Bay, and the gunboat *Fearless* for Weihaiwei.

New York advices of the 3rd February report the death of W. C. Whitney, an American barrister of repute, who was Secretary to the Navy from 1885 to 1889. Whitney was best known to Englishmen through his racing, particularly his win of the Derby with Volodyovski in 1901.

To-day the Opium Farm enters upon the new lease. Mr. G. Hogarth, late of the Sanitary Department, takes over the duties of Chief Excise Officer in succession to Mr. J. J. Spooner, with Mr. Chua Beng Chan as Assistant Officer. Mr. Chua Beng Chan acted as Prosecuting Agent in the Opium and Spirit Farm at Singapore from 1888 till 1900. The shop of the Opium Farm now is the Chin Joo Hong Co.

The funeral of the late Admiral Keppel last month was marked by impressive demonstrations of respect and affection. Both their Majesties the King and Queen as well as the Prince of Wales attended the memorial service held in the Chapel Royal. Wreaths were sent among others by the Queen, Princess Louise, and the German Emperor. To the Queen's wreath was attached a card in her Majesty's own handwriting bearing the words: "In loving memory of my beloved little Admiral, the best and bravest of men." A wreath was also sent by the Rajah and Rani of Sarawak.

The frontispiece to the first of Sir Harry Keppel's three volumes was sufficiently remarkable. Two servants are looking down upon a small foot-bath covered with a cloth, from which a baby's foot is protruding. In the doorway is a carpenter advancing with a small coffin, which he carries in the manner of a walking-stick. The explanation of this curious picture is supplied in the author's opening sentences:—"It was only in 1820 I learned from my sister, Mary, that three weeks after birth I was deposited in my father's foot-bath to be interred in a garden at the back of the house, not being entitled to a berth in consecrated ground. That mattered little, as before the final screwing down the old nurse discovered there was life in the 'small thing.' That life lasted 95 years!"

The *Vaterland* and *Teinling*, two of the shallow-draft gunboats, are now completed for the German Navy for service in the Chinese rivers. These steamers, of which there will eventually be six, are very similar in type to the *Shiok* class, constructed by Messrs. Yarrow for the Egyptian Government. Outwardly, the most noticeable feature of difference is the provision of a military mast, with searchlight platform, in place of the light pole mast hitherto rigged. The vessels are 104 ft. long, by 26 ft. 3 in. beam, and with a displacement of 170 tons, will draw only 2 ft. of water when loaded. Their main armament consists of one 88 mm. gun forward, and one 50 mm. gun aft, with smaller pieces, all mounted behind shields. The protection consists of bullet-proof nickel-plating. With Yarrow water-tube boilers, working under forced draught, they will steam about 13 knots; with natural draught 10 knots. The complement is 53 men. The boats are built in floatable sections, and as they are completed are shipped to the Far East.

The French military organ *Armée et Marine* thus describes the Japanese soldier:—"In general a good shot, the Japanese is a first-rate marcher. Those who draw the *kumagaya* often manage to go 80 kilometres a day and get up next morning quite ready for more work. There is the stuff in them to make good soldiers, for, as Napoleon said, it is with good feet that battles are won. As to their shoes, *la guerre commence à la guerre*. During the first campaign in China the Japanese soldiers did not hesitate to put on their ordinary footgear when their military shoes were worn out or hurt their feet. Sandals are light, cost very little, and last for days, in dry weather. The Japanese, whose enthusiasm is easily excited, is capable at any moment of an astonishing amount of energy. Stimulated by an ardent patriotism, a fanatical pride, he is capable of a prolonged effort without getting discouraged. If his profound contempt for death, prompted by Oriental fatalism, be taken into consideration, the power of an army of such men will be understood."

Concerning the question of English capital and Chinese railways, the *Globe's* Financial Editor writes as follows:—"English capitalists may have got over the fever which characterised the manner in which they struggled—in many cases successfully—to obtain concessions in China a few years back, but it would be a mistake to suppose that they have forgotten the existence of the concessions or that these are to be allowed to lie fallow. A reminder to this effect comes in the registration of the Chinese Central Railways (Limited), with a capital of £100,000, of which £50,000 has been subscribed jointly by the British and Chinese Corporation and the Peking Syndicate. The object of the company is to consolidate the interests acquired, and to be acquired, by the two syndicates in the construction of railways north of the Yangtze River, and to defray the expenses of the surveys of the different lines for which concessions have already been granted. Three of the directors represent the British and Chinese Corporation, and three represent the Peking Syndicate. There is no intention, we understand, to make a public issue of capital, so that the news is chiefly of interest as showing that the railway concessions are to be exploited systematically. So little had been heard about them recently that some doubt on that head might have been excusable."

Fine weather is reported from all directions.

The amateurs are rehearsing the Yeomen of the Guard at Tientsin.

Ninety tons of dynamite arrived yesterday by the German steamer *Heinrich Menckell*, from Hamburg.

The Victoria Recreation Club (as will be seen from our advertising columns) will hold their seventh annual athletic sports on the Football Club Ground on Easter Monday, 4th April. Entry forms and lists of events can be had from the steward of the V.R.C. or Mr. H. C. Auston, Hon. Secretary. Entries close on 28th March at 5 p.m.

To-day is St. David's Day. It is not a holiday in Hongkong, although we have a fair number of Welshmen in the Colony. We do not grasp at opportunities of holidays as some of our neighbours do. It is within recollection that some years ago a Bangkok newspaper came out on the 1st March with the announcement: To-morrow being St. David's Day, there will, in honour of Wales, be no issue of the "Bangkok Times." There was one Welshman in Bangkok at the time!

Mr. William H. Taft, late Governor of the Philippines, and successor to Mr. Root as United States Secretary for War, arrived at San Francisco on 23rd ult. from the Far East. He said in an interview, that if Americans maintained their "attitude of tardiness" in regard to the Philippines the islands must look to the British for their development. Mr. Taft arrived in Washington on the 28th. He was escorted from the railway station by a troop of cavalry, with officers in full uniform. Deceased Presidents or visiting Royalties have received such honours, but other Americans, official or unofficial, have been accustomed to ride in trams or cars, unless they owned carriages. The innovation is due to Mr. Roosevelt's orders.

A correspondent at Hongkong, writing to the *Army and Navy Gazette*, anent the departure of Major-General Sir William Gascoigne, remarks:—"Of Sir William Gascoigne it is impossible to speak too highly. His command has been no soft billet, very far from it, but his success has been such as to have already earned for him one distinction, and will, it is to be hoped, bring him others. He and Lady Gascoigne have identified themselves in every way with the best interests of the Colony, and from one end of it to the other he heard nothing but regret expressed that we should lose simultaneously so good a general and good a governor. I may give you an example of General Gascoigne's true desire to promote the best interests, not only of the Colony, but the British Empire. It speaks volumes for his independence, and it will not be forgotten how readily he acted. It was represented to the general that local supplies of flour were obtained from foreign sources. Like the true Imperialist he is, he at once took up the matter. Why, he asked, in effect, should not Canada and Australia tender and secure the contract? The flour has hitherto come principally from the United States. There is no valid reason why it should, only that the home Government does nothing, or has up to now done nothing, to help the Colonies or put them on favourable terms."

THE DALLAS COMPANY.

Last evening the Henry Dallas Company staged *A Runaway Girl*, one of the most popular of the "Girl" series of musical comedies that has been written. There was a large audience, who followed the movement of the piece with keenest interest and showed a hearty appreciation of its tuneful numbers. Mr. Percival Knight in the part of Flipper was a host in himself, keeping the house in merriment while he held the stage. Miss Violet Frampton did the title-role charmingly. Mr. Duncan Munro and Miss Grace Desmond were responsible for a lot of the fun of the piece as "Tamarand and Carmosetta," while Mr. Frank Cochrane made a hit as Guy Stanley and Miss Alice Wade as Alice; the other parts were well sustained also.

FOOTBALL.

H.M.S. "LEVIATHAN" v. R.A.

The above, a Shield match, was played on the Club Ground at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The sailors kicked off, Kinoh and Ball dribbling down the left wing. After the ball had been sent behind for a second time the soldiers, having the advantage of a good goal-kick, commenced an attack. Smith, R.A., made a good shot, but met the goal post. The Blues then brought the ball back, Oldham and Hall doing some good work. The soldiers again attacked, a shot by Wilks from the right wing going wide. Hall passed to Oldham on the Naval right wing, the latter shooting a good goal. Not very long afterwards another was scored by Brown from the other side, and still another by Bell from the centre. While there was quite a little group around the R.A. posts, a fourth goal was added by Hutchings, who put the ball into the net off his head. Bell again scored by a fairly long shot from centre. The sailors continued to play a pretty game, though the soldiers, if anything, seemed to improve somewhat. Copper, R.A., shot well, but a shade high. After some more or less give-and-take play Browning, R.A., shot from the left wing, hitting the post. At half-time the score was:—H.M.S. *Leviathan*, 5; R.A., nil. On the restart the Navy were again aggressive, Hutchings shooting from the right wing, but hitting the crossbar. A corner was next given to the Navy goal; Browning sent the ball behind. The *Leviathan* once more passed up field, Bell finishing the run with a goal from close quarters. Hutchings added No. 7 much in the same manner. A penalty was given against the sailors, and Gibbling scored the first goal for the R.A., while Copper scored a second goal for them shortly before "time." A poor game resulted:—H.M.S. *Leviathan*, 7; R.A., 2.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.

THE WAR.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

COREA JOINS JAPAN.

Kobe, 28th Feb., 7.00 p.m.

A protocol ratifying an alliance between Japan and Corea was signed on the 23rd instant.

This convention apparently ranges Corea with Japan as a belligerent and renders invalid Corea's declaration of neutrality last January.

IN TOUCH IN COREA—SKIRMISH AT PINGIANG.

Kobe, 29th Feb., noon.

It is officially stated that Russian scouts some distance to the north of Pingyang encountered a body of Japanese Infantry yesterday (Sunday) and were repulsed.

GENERAL NEWS.

ARMY REFORM.

LONDON, 29th February, 11.25 a.m.

The War Office Committee reports in favour of the abolition of the Army Corps system. Five generals are to command districts; there are to be eight administrative districts under Major-generals, and nine steam brigades districts, infantry and cavalry being brigaded into corps. Linked battalions are to be abolished.

THE TEST MATCH.

LONDON, 29th February, 11.25 a.m.

No play took place in the fourth test match yesterday, owing to heavy rain.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE ATTEMPTED BLOCKING OF PORT ARTHUR.

LONDON, 27th February.

The Japanese Legation has received an official despatch from Tokyo, stating that the Japanese object of blocking the entrance of Port Arthur on the 24th instant was attained, the crews returning safely. The above news is not from Admiral Togo, but its accuracy is indubitable.

LATER.

It is believed in Tokyo that the blocking of Port Arthur was at least partially accomplished.

THE RUSSIANS IN THE RED SEA.

LONDON, 27th February.

A Russian destroyer on Monday night stopped the liner *Mombasa* in the Red Sea. An officer boarded the ship and examined her papers.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

LONDON, 27th February.

The *fourparties* between Turkey and Bulgaria for a pacific settlement of their differences continue to progress favourably.

GREAT FIRES IN THE UNITED STATES.

LONDON, 27th February.

A great fire has occurred in the business section of Rochester, New York State. Blocks of buildings were dynamited to arrest the spread of the fire. A fire has also destroyed three acres of the business section of Baltimore.

THE GOVERNORSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON, 27th February.

Lord Plunkett has been appointed Governor of New Zealand.

OUR NEW HARBOUR-MASTER.

Writing of the departure of Captain Barnes-Lawrence for Hongkong, the *Gibraltar* correspondent of the *Naval and Military Record* says:—"Gibraltar has lost, in the departure of Capt. Barnes-Lawrence, R.N. (captain of the port), a most popular and much respected official. The P. and O. liner *Java* called in on Saturday especially to take the gallant captain and his family to Hongkong, they being conveyed to the steamer by one of the port launches, gallantly decorated with flowers. The port officials, as also representing the Calpe Rowing Club, and an august master of the Port Department seamen, were present at the King's Stairs in the Dockyard to bid good-bye, the scene being most affecting. Admiral Acland and Lady Acland, as also several other leading officials, afterwards went on board to say farewell. The Mediterranean Rowing Club have presented Capt. Barnes-Lawrence, as a parting gift, with a handsome travelling-dock, whilst a cubicle, named *Memories of the King Edward VII.*, soldiers and sailors' institute, in which the port captain took such an interest."

RUSSIAN REFUGEES AT HONGKONG.

The Italian cruiser *Elba* arrived at Hongkong about 2 p.m. yesterday, having left Chemulpo on the 26th instant, experiencing a fine passage down the coast. It will be remembered that the *Elba* was one of the foreign warships that picked up some of the Russian sailors that blew up their vessels during the fight off Chemulpo between a Russian cruiser and gun-boat and a Japanese escorting squadron. The *Elba* has now 174 Russian sailors and seven officers on board. Four of the former and one of the latter were slightly wounded. The officers are all from the gunboat *Varyag*, Midshipman Gutsuine having received a wound in the right leg. The names of the others are:—Lieut. Robert Berling, Chief Engineer Leikoff, Engineer Soldatoff, and Midshipmen Lahoda, Schilling, and Elyer. The officers of the *Elba* do not know how the Italian Government will dispose of the men.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL NEWS.

The Japanese Consul yesterday afternoon informed us that he had received the following two official telegrams:—

"Tokyo, 28th February, 12.10 a.m.—Admiral Togo, commander-in-chief of the main squadron, has forwarded the following official report with regard to the recent attack on Port Arthur:—Five merchant vessels were despatched with instructions to their crews to scuttle them in the entrance to the Russian port. On reaching the southern point of Laotian, on the 24th inst. at 4 a.m., the first of these vessels, the *Tenshin-maru*, turned to the left and, after running for three miles under a violent fire from the enemy's forts, which inflicted serious damage, it was found necessary to beach her. The four other vessels, steered off to the north-east. They were discovered by the enemy's search-lights and subjected to a violent cross-fire from the shore batteries. The engines of the *Bushu-maru* were put out of gear by a shell, and she was eventually scuttled near the *Tenshin-maru*. The *Buigo-maru* was riddled by shells and sunk before reaching the entrance. The *Hoko-maru* and *Jinsen-maru* proceeded at full speed into the entrance. The former sunk near Remorizan Point, and the latter on the opposite side of the passage. These vessels were blown up with explosives that had been prepared on board, their crews cheering as they witnessed their founder from the boats. These rowed away towards the Japanese torpedo flotilla, but being discovered by the Russians thanks to the search-lights which were sweeping the harbour, they were fired upon by the forts. In consequence, they rowed to a point of shelter, where they were under cover, and rejoined the destroyers about 3 p.m. the following afternoon, after rowing for several hours against a heavy sea and head-wind."

NORTHERN TELEGRAMS.

The principal telegrams in the Shanghai papers are as follows:—

"Tokyo, 22nd February.—It is reported that the Russians from the south of the Ussuri have gathered at Possiet and the coast, and that portion of them have already entered Seoul."

"It is officially announced that several hundred Russian cavalry have appeared in the vicinity of Anchyn, in North Phyeong-an province (the north-west province of Corea), and the telegraphs north of Anchyn are interrupted. The city of Phyeongyang is still safe."

"The Tokyo *Kokumin* ridicules the charge of treachery and cowardice made by the French Press, against Japan, in reference to her procedure at the opening of hostilities, but believes that the Paris Government will adhere to its declaration of strict neutrality."

N.C.D.N.

"Paris, 20th February.—It is stated in S. Petersburg that on the 19th, a Cossack picket captured a detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory."—*Echo de Chine*.

"Berlin, 22nd February.—There was a large pro-German demonstration in Moscow. The German Consul only took notice thereof for the purpose of report. On the other hand there was a pro-Russian demonstration in Prag against the German Consulate-General on account of Japanese articles of the German Press."

"The *Daily Mail's* report that the German cruisers are spying the movements of the Japanese squadron, are declared here to be a pernicious invention, because, as a matter of fact, all movements of the German men-of-war near the field of operations of the belligerents are made only with the consent of the commander-in-chief of the Japanese fleet."

"The report of the *Figaro* with regard to secret agreements of Germany with Russia or Great Britain for the Far East is utterly unfounded."

"All reports of military arrangements for the protection of the neutrality of the different Powers are most seriously exaggerated. A mobilisation of troops is taking place nowhere."

O. Lloyd.

"Chefoo, 24th February.—The report of a Russian reverses off the Yalu is unconfirmed."

N.C.D.N.

"Chefoo, 24th February.—Viceroy Alexieff is at present at Moukden. Lieutenant-General Lenjovitch is commanding the Russian troops of Liaoning and General Stocess those of Port Arthur."

O. Lloyd.

"THE 'MANDOUR' AT SHANGHAI.
The Russian warship *Mandour's* presence at Shanghai continues to excite the local Press. The *N.C. Daily News* of the 22nd ult. says:—'The time allowed for the Russian gun vessel *Mandour* to leave the harbour expired at 5

p.m. on Sunday, but as far as can be seen, that vessel has taken no notice of the order given her, a course of action which she would not be permitted to follow in, for instance, Hongkong or Tsingtao. The Chinese authorities are naturally puzzled how to act; the Taitai has been instructed from Peking to enforce the neutrality rules for which there is international sanction, but there seems reason to fear that the *Mandou*'s action is deliberately designed so to involve China that Russia may be able to refuse to respect her neutrality, as Japan has refused to respect the neutrality of Korea. . . . The simplest thing, if it is thought inexpedient that Admiral Sah should tow the *Mandou* out to sea, would be to remove some vital portion of her machinery, and so disable her as long as she remains outlaid in the port."

In discussing the burning question the *Echo de Chine* points out that the *Monocacy* during the Spanish-American war remained in Shanghai despite all the efforts of the Chinese Government to turn her out, and that no foreign Power lodged any complaint against her remaining in Shanghai at the time, and concludes by asking what is the Chinese Government going to do on the arrival of the next Austrian mail, which is bringing out war materials for the Japanese Government. The *Mercury* comments thus:—"We are not aware that any efforts had ever been made by the Chinese Government to turn the *Monocacy* out. If our recollection serves us right nobody took any notice of the *Monocacy* because she was regarded as a floating coffin, and the only use she was put to was to take the U.S. Minister up the Yangtze ports once every year on his visit of inspection of the Consulate. Certainly, she was never regarded as a fighting unit."

The Japanese cruiser *Aikatsu* left Wosung on the 21st ult., but returned to her moorings the following afternoon.

HOME OPINION AT THE OUTBREAK.
The London Times, commenting on the situation at the outset of the war, says that Japan did not ask Russia to carry out even her sham evacuation or to move a single soldier, or to renounce one of her rights in Manchuria, which she extorted from China by dubious methods. Japan only asked for recognition in a bi-lateral agreement of Chinese integrity.

London military and naval experts found their estimate of the high ability of the Japanese both in the field and at sea confirmed by the torpedo attack upon Port Arthur on the 8th ult. A high naval authority, intimately connected with the construction of the Japanese fleet, said that the Japanese sailors are the cleverest known and are capable of running the largest ship with only a fortnight's training. Military experts in the Government Council predict that the Japanese soldiers will equally surprise the Russians.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.
The annual meeting of the Finance Committee of the Alice Memorial and Netherese Hospitals was held yesterday in the Alice Memorial Hospital. Hon. A. W. Brewin presided, and there were also present Hon. C. W. Dickson, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., Rev. T. W. Pearce, Mr. G. Murray Bain, Mr. J. Goosmann, Mr. A. Ramjahn, Mr. T. W. Tso, Rev. H. R. Wells (Hon. Treasurer), and Dr. R. MacLean Gibson (Secretary).

The Secretary submitted the annual report which showed that during 1903 the number of out-patients (individual cases) treated in connection with the Alice Memorial and Netherese Hospitals and Kowloon City Dispensary had been 13,437, while the total attendances numbered 24,888. Owing to the prevalence of bubonic plague during the summer months many left the Colony, and others were afraid to come to the hospital, lest they should be reported as suffering from plague. As a result the numbers for 1903 were somewhat less than in 1902. In the wards of the Netherese Hospital there were 369 in-patients, and in the Alice Memorial Hospital 465, making a total of 834. It having been found necessary from time to time to reduce the number of beds in the Alice Memorial on account of frequent outbreaks of beriberi among the patients, and because of the hospital having become surrounded by high buildings so that free access of air is almost impossible, the yearly total showed a decrease in the number of in-patients. Experience had shown that the Alice Memorial Hospital is admirably situated for out-patient work, being only a short distance from the landing stages of launches from Shanghai, Yantai, etc., but that the treatment of in-patients is not so satisfactory as in the Netherese Hospital, which is situated on a higher level. A Chinese lady, having generously offered to build a hospital specially adapted for in-patients, and the Colonial Government through the good offices of His Excellency Sir Henry Blake, K.C.M.G., having promised a site, immediately to the west of the Netherese Hospital, there is every prospect that in 1904 a scheme for extension will be carried out. On 23rd July Lady Blake, in the presence of a representative gathering of those interested in the hospitals, laid the foundation-stone of the Alice Memorial Maternity Hospital. It was with great regret the Committee had to record the death of Mrs. H. D. Stevens, Matron of the hospitals, who since 1891 had been closely connected with the daily work of the hospitals. Mrs. Stevens was a faithful and efficient nurse. They were fortunate in having the services of Miss Langdon, who had come as a voluntary worker to help Mrs. Stevens. The Evangelistic work has been carried on daily in the out-patient and in-patient departments, and large numbers have heard the Gospel who could not have been reached by other agencies.

Rev. H. R. Wells submitted the Hon. Treasurer's report, from which it appeared that

the income during the past year amounted to \$14,667.14, being \$3,227.16 less than the expenditure.

On the motion of Mr. G. MURRAY BAIN the Treasurer's report was adopted.

Rev. Mr. PEARCE moved a vote of thanks to Messrs. H. C. Nicolle, H. R. Wells, and P. Lawson for their work in connection with the accounts. The motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. J. GOOSMANN, Mr. WELLS was re-elected Treasurer.

Dr. MACLEAN GIBSON moved, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai seconded, and it was agreed that Hon. A. W. Brewin be re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai moved that the Alice Memorial Maternity Hospital be affiliated with the Alice Memorial and Netherese Hospitals so that the one Finance Committee could manage and administer the three hospitals.

He mentioned that the Maternity Hospital was almost ready for the reception of patients, and that ground had been acquired for the extension of the Alice Memorial and Netherese Hospitals, so that they should have a new hospital in about two years.

The CHAIRMAN seconded the motion, and it was agreed to.

This was all the business.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 29th February.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR A. G. WISE (PUNISH JUDGE).

CHAN A. POOK v. W. NERVEGA.

A case was called in which Chan A. Pook and another sued W. Nervega and another for the recovery of \$606, interest on 120,000 francs alleged by the defendants to have been transferred to them by E. Ghisi, Italian Delegate on the International Commission of Bankers, Shanghai, at the request of the defendants.

Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro, solicitor), appeared for the plaintiffs, and Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C., barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. F. Paget Hett, solicitor, of Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton's office), was for the defendants.

Plaintiffs in their statement of claim stated that they were merchants. Defendants were Italian subjects who formerly carried on business under the style of W. Nervega & Co., and now resided in Hongkong. In November, 1902, plaintiffs commenced an action (211 of 1902) against the defendants in the Original Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court. In 1901 defendants had awarded to them a large sum to be paid by the Chinese Government by way of indemnity for losses sustained by the defendants during the Boxer rebellion.

This indemnity awarded to the defendants was payable to them by the Italian Government. Delegates at the Commission of Bankers in Shanghai and until payment bore interest of 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly. On 30th May, 1903, plaintiffs accepted a transfer made on 13th April, 1903, at the request of the defendants by the said Italian Government Delegate of 120,000 francs out of the indemnity due to the defendant as aforesaid in full satisfaction of all claims by them against the defendants and withdrew this action. On or about 1st July, 1903, the Italian Government Delegate paid to the defendants the interest due on the indemnity for the half-year ending 30th June, 1903. The rateable proportion of the interest received by the defendants in respect of the 120,000 francs transferred as aforesaid to the plaintiffs amounted to \$606.

On 28th July, 1903, plaintiffs demanded from defendants payment of the interest received by the defendants on the 120,000 francs, but defendants had not paid the same or any part of it.

Defendants in their statement of defence said it was agreed between the plaintiffs and the defendants that Action No. 211 of 1903 should be withdrawn by the plaintiffs upon condition of the plaintiffs receiving a document from the Italian Government Delegate at Shanghai which would entitle the plaintiffs to eventually receive bonds to the full value of 120,000 francs, when bonds should be thereafter issued by the Italian Government for the payment of the indemnity. If the said delegate had in fact issued any document to the plaintiffs which conferred or purported to confer or had the legal effect of conferring upon the plaintiffs any present or immediate right to interest on the said sum of 120,000 francs, such document was not issued in such form at the request of the defendants, but on the contrary was issued in such form in defiance of the express instructions upon the subject which were sent by the defendants to the delegate, to which instructions they craved leave to refer. They denied that any appointment whatever ought to be made in favour of the plaintiffs in respect of interest on the sum of 120,000 francs, either for the whole period or for any portion of the period between 1st January, 1903, and 30th June, 1902. Even if any appointment were made, defendants did not admit that it would amount to the sum of \$606.

Mr. Slade, in opening plaintiffs' case, produced the document transferring the sum of 120,000 francs to them and submitted that that document transferred the right to the interest as well as the right to the principal as from the date. It was exactly the same as a transfer of shares; no reference to the interest payable on the shares—when it was a fixed rate—was made in the transfer; when the shares were transferred the transferee obtained his interest on them as from the date of the transfer.

Evidence was afterwards taken and the case was adjourned till to-day.

A telegram from Ormond, Florida, states that Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt in a 90-horse power Mercedes automobile car covered a mile in 35sec. official time, along the hard, sandy beach.

MARINE COURT.

Monday, 29th February.

BEFORE THE HON. CAPT. L. A. W. BARNES-LAWRENCE, R.N. (MARINE MAGISTRATE).

The new Harbour Master appeared in the capacity of Marine Magistrate at Hongkong for the first time yesterday morning. He opined, from the bench, that, from his first experience, Chinese witnesses were not very satisfactory. Two cases came on for hearing, and two cases on one day, by the way, is quite a record for the Marine Court, where for a whole week sometimes the magistrato is not called upon.

ASSAULTING OFFICERS.
Charles Edward Cox, master of the British steamer *Asco*, charged James Hoy, a fireman, with assaulting the 1st and 2nd mates at Kobe on the 25th ult.

The defendant pleaded guilty, saying he was drunk at the time of the offence.

The plaintiff, sworn, deposed that defendant had assaulted the 1st and 2nd mates when trying to enter the saloon in a drunken condition. He had threatened to kill them, and struck them both. The mates overpowered, and put him in irons. When plaintiff returned on board ship from the shore he found defendant in this condition—quite drunk. Defendant threatened to kill him also, calling him a bastard and using other abusive language. As the British Consulate was shut he asked the Japanese police to take care of him. The Consul advised him that, as the man was not a deserter, the Japanese had no jurisdiction, the assault having been made on a British subject. War was about to break out, so the Consul advised him not to press the case, but to charge defendant at the first British court. Defendant therefore returned on board. The steamer had only been to Moji in the meanwhile. Defendant had been doing duty all right ever since.

After corroborative evidence by the 1st and 2nd mates defendant said on the 24th ult. he received a letter saying his wife was dead. Capt. Cox had promised to give him an advance of \$6 to send home, and on the 25th, he went to the cabin to get it. He was drunk, and pleaded guilty.

In answer to a question as to how he got the liquor he said that the captain only gave the men ten shillings at a time, allowing them a tailor; the men had to sell the clothes they bought.

His Worship said, in consideration of the time that had elapsed, and in consideration of it being clear that defendant was drunk, and in consideration that defendant pleaded guilty, he would deal leniently with the case: six weeks' hard labour.

RULE OF THE ROAD.

Lance-Sergeant 97 for the second time this month charged Wing Pak Tai, master of the launch *Cheong Lee*, with failing to observe the rule of the road, whereby a collision might have occurred on the 25th inst. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, of Messrs. Mounsey & Brutton (solicitors), appeared for the defence.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Brutton complained that the charge-sheet was rather vague; it did not state what place, when, or which of the many regulations of the rule of the road defendant was charged with failing to observe.

Capt. Barnes-Lawrence said he thought the charge-sheet in order. He agreed with Mr. Brutton about the regulations; he wished there were a few less.

Plaintiff, sworn, deposed that at 8.55 p.m. on the 25th inst. he was on police duty in No. 7 pinnace at Yau-mai Bay. When about 100 yards from the entrance to the fairway to Yau-mai wharf he saw the defendant's launch on his port side. She gave one blast indicating that she was going to starboard. He took no notice. She then altered her course to starboard, and was about ten or fifteen feet from the police pinnace's bow; she cut right across their bow. They had to alter their course to starboard to avoid collision. He went aboard, took the Cox's name, and summoned him.

Mr. Brutton asked plaintiff several questions; plaintiff objected to disclosing to the public what course the police pinnace had taken between 6 p.m., the time they left the police pier, and the time of the incident in question.

Mr. Brutton asked plaintiff if it was not a fact within his knowledge that the defendant had been a coxswain for 13 years, and that no complaint, till within the last month, had been made against him. "Yes" or "No" please?"

"I don't know whether I ought to answer that question."

"Yes" or "No" please?"

"You brought the same charge against him before?"

After evidence by the Chinese coxswain of the police pinnace, Mr. Brutton brought evidence to prove that the defendant's launch had not passed the plaintiff's launch at all, but had been ahead of it. He mentioned that on the previous occasion when a Chinese coxswain had given evidence against defendant, the evidence did not agree with that of the plaintiff, who was the same in both instances. This Chinese coxswain had been discharged from the police pinnace. Moreover, the plaintiff's evidence and that of his witness did not altogether agree. He would ask His Worship to discharge defendant.

His Worship did not consider the case proven, and dismissed it accordingly.

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POLICE COURT.

Monday, 29th February.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

GAMBLING.

As the result of a most exciting raid, made by Inspector McNabon No. 242, Queen's Road West, on Sunday afternoon, a party of 22 Chinamen had to make their appearance at the Magistracy yesterday on a charge of gambling, and maintaining a house for the purpose of gambling. When the police entered the room the men dropped their money, and made for the doors and windows, but were confronted with constables, and had at last to quietly submit to arrest. On the table in the room were found \$8.73, packs of cards, dominoes, dice, and other gambling devices.

They had no defence, admitted that they were gambling, and pleaded that they had been very much frightened by the entry of the police. His Worship fined the keeper of the house, and the manager of the game \$25, or 1 month and three hours in the stocks each, and the other 20 \$3 or 7 days each.

REVIEWS.

East of Asia. Vol. II. No. 4. Shanghai: North-China Herald Office.

Though we cannot appreciate the colouring of its cover, the new number of the *East of Asia* magazine is one of more than usual interest. Two of the best articles in it concern Japan—Mr. Francis McCullagh's "The Japanese Army Memorandum" (extracts from which have already been quoted in the *Daily Press* columns), and Mr. C. E. Bruce-Mitford's "Up Fuji with a Camera," the only fault we have to find with which is that some of the photographs are rather poorly reproduced. Other excellent contributions are Dr. R. C. Beabe's "Stories of Nanking, Dr. Macklin's "Triennial Examinations in China," and Mr. S. J. Woodbridge's "Kuling." But there are several other readable articles, and the majority of the illustrations are very good. An interesting notice of Mr. F. Camout's *Mysteries of Mikura* occurs among the book reviews.

A special notice states that the next issue of the *East of Asia* will be a special number, which will deal almost exclusively with educational subjects in the Chinese Empire. It will be embellished with photographs of the educational establishments and prominent educationalists in China; and it is hoped that it will be published in time for the approaching S. Louis Exposition, for which a special edition will be prepared.

Buddhism. Vol. I. No. 2. Rangoon: International Buddhist Society.

The second number of this enterprising quarterly, published at Rangoon by the International Buddhist Society, maintains the high level of its predecessor. The greater part of the first 30 pages are taken up with an account of the installation of the Thathanabaing (Archbishop, practically) of Upper Burma, and with some reflections on the ceremony. Some accounts of this a good many have read before; but the rest of the magazine has plenty of new matter of an interesting character. The whole magazine is marked by the sincerity of its tone, and whatever we may think of its object we can but admire its spirit. The contributors to the present number include Professor Rhys Davids, Messrs. James Allen (author of *All These Things Added*, etc.), E. H. Seng, and others, including, of course, the Editor himself, who has several articles. "Notes and News" and "As Others See Us," a discussion on reviews of the first number of *Buddhism*, are very readable. The only thing to be regretted is the absence of any translations from the Pali in the present number; though Mr. Maung Kim's "Legend of Upagutta," from a Burmese translation of a Pali tale, is very interesting.

The illustrations are capitally reproduced, as in the first number. They include a portrait of the Thathanabaing and a scene at the Durbur when he was installed by Sir Hugh Barnes.

Portraits of the Sixties. By JUSTIN MCCARTHY. London: T. Fisher Unwin.

This is a book which might almost as well not have been written, both as regards the author's fame and also as regards the instruction conveyed. Old men, however, will be writing as well as talking, and do not know when they have done. More last words spoil the fame of many writers. So fast do we live now that the Sixties appear, at least to the just risen generation, to be ancient history, and it will do them good to enter this collection of portraits and study Dickens, Thackeray, Carlyle, John Bright and the other celebrities whom the author of *A History of Our Own Times* has sketched in a simple and agreeable way. Mr. McCarthy enlarges on the crinolines (it was large enough), and certainly if the early Sixties had bequeathed no other memory to a curious and contemplative posterity, the crinolines would have made them a remarkable period.

Directory of Bangkok and Siam for 1904. Bangkok: Bangkok Times Office.

This Directory is now in the fifteenth year of publication. Besides the usual lists of commercial houses in the country and officials in the Government Departments, the book includes, in a concise and readable form, an amount of information on the history, customs, and institutions of the country which justifies the publishers in recommending it as "A Guide to Siam."

NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we are requested by them to Resum Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

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RUSSIAN NAVAL REINFORCEMENTS.

The telegram from our London correspondents which we published on Saturday, announcing that according to report no fewer than forty-five Russian warships were to proceed to the Far East in the course of a few months, is one which throws a light on the preparations which Russia is making to achieve the Tsar's announced intention of punishing the Japanese a hundred-fold for their alleged treachery at Port Arthur on the night of the 8th inst. Reuter's telegram have informed us that the small Russian squadron which left Europe in January was after the Port Arthur engagement recalled, but if that be so news of its arrival in home waters is about due. The announcement that an armada of forty-five ships is to come out to the Far East may be intended for Japanese consumption, but we may take the announcement for what it is worth and speculate as to the ships which Russia would be likely to send. The mention of June as the date of sailing indicates that notwithstanding the feverish haste with which Russia has for some time past been advancing her preparations for war she is not yet ready. According to the information which we are able to glean from the latest English papers received, Russia was straining every nerve to have her four new battleships of the *Borodino* class ready for service by the summer. The *Alexander III* was already half through her trials; the *Borodino* and *Suvarov* were beginning theirs; and the *Orel* was to enter upon her trials in the spring. The *Slava* was expected to be ready by the close of the year. These five ships were all to be in the Far East in 1905, and two or three of them were expected to go out this summer if peace was maintained. The fast cruisers *Ismard* and *Jentschig*, of the *Novik* type, were also to be completed this summer, and to go out to the Far East. In the Black Sea the *Polenkin* has begun her trials, but does not appear to be ready for service. The small battleship *Dutokov* which has been building for years, is at last to be launched in the Baltic. Her design has so often been modified that it is difficult to give accurate particulars of her. Presumably most of these ships are included in the forty-five referred to in the telegram. It may be recalled that the squadron which left Russian waters in January included the battleships *Nikolai* and *Oleg*, as well as the old *Dmitri Donskov*, which has seen previous service in these waters, the *Aurora*, the *Saravak*, the volunteer cruiser *Orel*, and seven destroyers. The new Russian cruiser *Atmaz*, which was recently appointed for service as the yacht of Admiral Alexieff, the Viceroy, must also be reckoned among the number. She is a third-class cruiser of 3,200 tons displacement, built at the Baltic Yard, St. Petersburg. With 18,000 horse-power she steams twenty-five knots. For her size she carries a heavy armament, consisting of six 4.7in., eight 1.3in., and five light guns, with six torpedo-tubes. A 2in. armoured deck is fitted, extending from bow to stern, and rising into a dome protecting the machinery above the level of the deck. Her coal supply, 600 tons at normal draft, is small, hence it will be necessary for her to replenish her bunkers a good many times during her run out, and it is interesting to note that before hostilities commenced it was proposed to call at French coaling stations for that purpose, thus obviating the irritation which exists in the mind of the Continental traveller to the East, who generally sees the Union Jack flying at every port at which his vessel calls. How Russia will get her fleet out time alone will reveal, but it seems an impossible task without the complexity of neutrals.

BRITISH DESERTERS ON U.S.A.T. "KILPATRICK."

On the 20th inst. the five British deserters who were arrested on board the U.S. transport *Kilpatrick*, were brought up for identification at Singapore pending their being handed over to the military court.

The men were arrested by Inspector H. Hart at 9.30 a.m. on the 15th instant on telegraphic instructions from Ceylon. They all admitted that they were deserters, and asked to be sent back to their respective regiments as soon as possible. The men, who are all privates, with the exception of one who is a gunner, deserted from Gibraltar, Malta, and Aden. Their names are Privates Smith and Aylmer, of the 1st Buffs, stationed at Aden; Private Tierce, of the Hampshire Regiment, stationed at Malta; Private King, of the 1st Lancashire Fusiliers, stationed at Gibraltar; and Gunner Durrington, of the 1st Company R.G.A., stationed at Gibraltar.

When arrested by Inspector Hart the men, who are all of youthful appearance, said that they stowed themselves away on the *Kilpatrick* with the intention of getting to Manila, and joining the American Army and Navy, having been tempted to do this by the rewards accounts given them by the soldiers on the *Kilpatrick*, of an American trooper's life. When discovered on the transport the deserters were placed under arrest by the Officer Commanding on the transport.

The men gave the Court every assistance in their identification. At the conclusion of the formalities the men were handed over to a military escort.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Armand Behic*, with the next French mail, left Singapore yesterday, at 8 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

The P.M. steamer *China*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 25th ult.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Machon* left Singapore for this port on the 27th ult.

The H.A.L. steamer *Brigancia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 27th ult., p.m., and may be expected here on the 5th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on the 29th ult., and left again at 5 p.m. same day for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at 6 a.m. on the 2nd inst.



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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

M. R. OTTO WAGNER has been Admitted a Partner in our Firm from this date. CHAS. T. GAUPP & CO. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [615]

NOTICE.

THE Procuration of Mr. GUSTAV SCHULTZ in my Firm is withdrawn from this date. T. E. GRIFFITH. Canton, 29th February, 1904. [616]

TO LET.

SPACIOUS GRANITE GODOWN, Praya East. Immediate Possession. Apply to—N. MODY & CO. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [617]

TO LET.

ONE or TWO ROOMS to Let, Furnished, in Kowloon, and a Lady or Married Couple wanted as Boarders. Apply to—P. L. Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [618]

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A LADY is required to Act as SECRETARY. Good English necessary. One with Capital may have the Management after one month's training. Sure and large income. Address—S. and T. Box 33, Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [619]

CHEAP SALE.

AT CASH BAZAAR 16, LYNDBURST TERRACE. Owing to my approaching departure from Hongkong, I am now offering my stock-in-trade, consisting of JADIES' and GENTLEMEN'S DRESS MATERIALS, &c., &c., for sale at greatly reduced prices from this day.

M. ISMAEL. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [620]

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB. SEVENTH ATHLETIC MEETING.

BY kind permission of H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the above Sports will be held under the RULES of the AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION on MONDAY, the 4th APRIL, on the Ground of the Hongkong Football Club (kindly lent for that purpose) at Happy Valley. Entry forms and List of Events may be had from the Steward of the Club, Kowloon, or the undersigned, care of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Entries close on MONDAY, the 28th March, at 5 P.M. HAROLD C. AUSTEN, Acting Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [621]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN FIACCHES will be carried out from Eagle's Nest Hills, South-east of Tai Po Road (5½ miles), in a direction due North, against the Southern Slope of Needle Hill to the North-West of that road (7 miles) on the 4th MARCH, 1904, between the hours of 8 A.M. and 2 P.M. If the weather is unfavourable on the above dates, practice will take place on the 5th MARCH, during the same hours. By Command, A. M. THOMSON, Acting Colonial Secretary. Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [622]

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

ALBIONS DANCE.

BOATS will leave Murray Pier at 9 P.M., and Police Pier, Kowloon, at 8.55. Late Trams leave at 12.45 and 1.45. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [614]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship "BRAEMAR," Captain S. L. Saxby, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 4th March, at 4 P.M. For Freight, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [609]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS—POSTE FRANCAIS.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA. THE Company's Steamship "ARMAND BEHIC," Captain Flaudin, will be despatched for the above ports on MONDAY, the 7th inst. For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, 1st March, 1904. [62]

THE Steamship "ERISGAVIA."

Captain Schülke, will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 9th March, at NOON. For Freight, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [610]

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

FROM BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, SOERABAYA, AND MACASSAR. THE J.C.J.L. Steamship "TJIMAH," Captain Jansen, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside. Any Cargo impeding her discharge and/or Cargo left on board after 4 o'clock on the 1st of March, will be landed in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. The steamer will be despatched for Shanghai and Japan on the 3rd of March. HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO., Agents. Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [611]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS. THE Steamship "GLENLOGAN," having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed. Goods not cleared by the 7th prox. will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised. MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW. Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [612]

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK. THE Steamship "BRAEMAR," Captain S. L. Saxby, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Wanchai Steaming Company at Wanchai, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th March will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 7th March, at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [613]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "MENELAUS," are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 2nd prox. Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M., on the 7th prox. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 7th prox. will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 9th prox., or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance has been effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [610-11]

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Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [523]

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NOTICE.

The First of the Series of the SOCIETY'S SUBSCRIPTION CONCERTS will be given on SATURDAY, 5th MARCH, 1904, in ST. ANDREW'S HALL, at 9 P.M.

Programme will be announced later.

Prices of admission to non-subscribers:—\$3 and \$1 (Limited Number).

PETER DOW, Hon. Secretary (Vocal).

H. W. D. SCHMIDT, Hon. Secretary (Orchestra).

Hongkong, 29th February, 1904. [589]

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ON Wednesday Evening, the 24th inst., en Route from City Hall, Ice House Street, Wyndham Street, Old Bailey and Caine Road to "Priory Lodge," ONE GOLD KRUGER SOVEREIGN BRACELET, with Owner's and Giver's name engraved on inside. Finder will be handsomely rewarded on delivering same to—H. C. A. Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [588]

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ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the Freemason's HALL, TONIGHT (TUESDAY), the 1st MARCH, inst., at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [576]

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FOR SALE.

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THE BUSINESS of an Old Established Mercantile Firm in Hongkong, including name, Goodwill, and Office Furniture. Apply, by letter, to—BUSINESS, Care of Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 12th January, 1904. [205]

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NOTICE OF FIRM.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION have, as from the ninth day of FEBRUARY, 1904, taken over the business of the EASTERN BRANCHES of the GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK, being the business CARRIED ON by the latter Company in Hongkong, Shanghai and Manila, and that, as from the said ninth day of FEBRUARY, 1904, The International Banking Corporation will be responsible for and will duly meet and liquidate all the outstanding obligations of the Eastern Branches of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, including the branch business heretofore carried on in Hongkong. For The International Banking Corporation, CHAS. R. SCOTT, Manager. For The Guaranty Trust Company of New York, E. F. GROS, Manager. Hongkong, 26th February, 1904. [583]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Foder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th FEBRUARY, to the 5th MARCH, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th instant, to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive. By Order, GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary. Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [488]

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Consanguit Road, at 12.15 P.M. on THURSDAY, the 10th MARCH, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1903. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 10th MARCH, both days inclusive. E. J. MAGGOWAN, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 24th February, 1904. [584]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Offices of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central. JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

FASTER Term begins on THURSDAY, the 3rd MARCH, 1904. Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [601]

YORKSHIRE DINNER.

ALL YORKSHIREMEN wishing to take part in the DINNER on MONDAY, the 7th MARCH, are requested to send their names to the undersigned as early as possible. ARTHUR CHAPMAN, Hongkong Club, 29th February, 1904. [603]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTTON'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road. Price 15 cents per copy cash. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [3518]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Business of AH MEN and HING CHEONG CO., Tailors, will be CARRIED ON from 17th inst. at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite to the Consanguit House Hotel. Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [128]

AUCTIONS

PONIES! PONIES!! PONIES!!! THE undersigned will hold their Annual Sale of Race Ponies by Public Roup as under:—TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), the 2nd MARCH, 1904, at 4 P.M., opposite the CITY HALL, FIFTY LOTS, And on SATURDAY, the 5th MARCH, at 4 P.M., at KENNEDY'S, CAUSEWAY BAY, REPOSITORY, upwards of FIFTY LOTS. Terms:—As usual. Catalogues will be issued. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [573]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from H. K. LEIGH, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 7th MARCH, 1904, at 2.15 P.M., within his residence "Lighthouse," The Peak, THE WHOLE of HIS VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising:—MOROCCO and TAPESTRY-COVERED SOFAS and CHAIRS, CANTON CARVED BLACKWOOD DESK and FLOWER STANDS, BRONZE and CLOISONNE VASES, JAPANESE CARVED WOOD SETTEE and CHAIR, TEAKWOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE and CHAIRS, DINER WAGGONS, TEAKWOOD SIBERIAN GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, DINNER SERVICE, DOUBLE BRASS MOUNTED IRON BEDSTEAD with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, COOKING STOVE and UTENSILS, &c., &c., &c. A large number of PALMS and FLOWERS in LOTS. Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 27th February, 1904. [597]

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PARIS LETTER.

Paris, 22nd January.
If the weather was not so intensely cold
one would imagine oneself in the month of July,
so full of nothing. The fact is there is very
little news to chronicle, while every person who
is anybody has left for warmer regions. The
political world is very quiet, and is not excited
over the Far Eastern question; the Government
is preparing for future events, and does not
mean to be caught napping. Russian move-
ments are becoming more and more mysterious.
It is noted that though the Tsar desires peace
at all cost, he still shuts a blind eye to the
thousands of soldiers pouring into Port Arthur;
that alone is enough to almost cause a *casse
belli*. The fact is that Russia finds it more dif-
ficult to climb down than she at first reckoned;
few can expect Japan to wait interminably
while Russia is hurrying out ships and men to
the Far East. Opinion is naturally divided on
the actual situation, which is a perplexing one;
many think that there will be no war, and that
one or the other parties will give way at the
last moment. Japan is as firm to-day as she
was at the beginning; in other words, she has
no intention to yield; consequently, if peace is
to be assured the Tsar's Government must give
something more than vague assurances that it
means well. Acts, not words, are what the
Japanese are waiting for from hour to hour;
they, like the rest of the world, know exactly
the true value of pledges and promises of such a
country as Russia. The accumulation of forces
at Port Arthur and Dalny suggest an over-
powering of Korea by Russian troops; this
Japan anticipates, and must, for the sake of her
own safety, strike a decisive blow at her ally
adversary.

Parisians are full of the radium question,
and continue to discuss its merits generally.
As to its inventor, little is known of
him, save that he is the most modest and
retiring of men, and which is probably the
reason why he has been hitherto so little known
to the general public. M. Curie, however, is a
great celebrity among his *confreres* of the
scientific world; he is considered a *savant*, on
the eve of becoming a candidate for the Institut
de France, or Academie, inhabited by the *Im-
mortels*. His friends feel sure that he will be
elected, for his discovery has won a great
reputation for him and his wife. M. Curie
does not wish to offend anybody, though he
would prefer to remain the simple gentleman
he is, and not burdened with honours. He
somewhat decries his Academic election, and
not unnaturally so, considering that it is
customary when a man is candidate in France
for the Institut, for him to pay a visit to each
member of these august bodies. Persons of
this class in France, as a rule, are anything but
addicted to luxury; as they usually live in modest
though comfortable apartments situated on the
fifth floor, in the Luxembourg quarter, to attain
which one has to climb innumerable flights of
highly-waxed stairs. This may explain why M.
Curie, if he could only have his wish, would
prefer to "decline with thanks." His friends felt
greatly disappointed at the last moment, when
M. Curie informed them that, instead of pre-
senting himself for the vacant Academic chair,
he had wanted the marvellous scientific capabili-
ties of his rival M. Amagat. The election of
the latter pleased M. Curie more than if he had
himself been elected; he has no objection to
being left out in the cold. Independence is
worth more than obligations often.

The artificial breeding of fish in France is
making considerable progress, and Parliament
is thinking seriously of shortly increasing its
annual contribution of 35,000 frs. for technical
researches, relating to fishing. The zoological
laboratories of Benougue-sur-Mer, La Hague,
Kerou, Concarneau, Feamp, lesables
d'Olone, Banyuls, Marseilles, and Tamaris, which
are employed for the purpose, are doing very
well. The object is to study the industrial side
of the fish culture question. The investigators
were first to decide, if the young fish—*fray* or
alevins—can be transported. Decided affirmatively
for certain river fish, but not proven in
the case of sea fish. Second point.—Can these
alevins taken from the basin survive their im-
mersion in the sea? This point has yet to be
satisfactorily settled. Technical opinion favours
mariculture; fishery schools, where a child destined
to become a fisherman can learn a great many
useful subjects—become, in a word, a "handy-
man." The idea of the fishery school is quite
new to France, a fact which is rather surprising,
as fishing is a calling that realises over six
millions of francs a year, employs 90,000 men,
and 4,000 boats. The school is required to

teach a little navigation, a plenty of local
and a great deal of general geography. They
require to be instructed how to modify their
manoeuvres in accordance with the wind. The
first school was established in 1895, in the Isle
de Groix, in the department of the Orient, and
the head centre of the fishing industry. Sailors
as a rule are ignorant, and when not at sea pass
their spare time in wine-shops. The schools at
Groix opened with 52 pupils. It led to the
formation of similar schools at Dieppe and the
Sables d'Olonne. The Dieppe Chamber of
Commerce is erecting fine premises for its
school, which is to become the model professional
school of fishery. It gives general as well as
technical instruction. It is managed by the
municipality, but attendance is not obligatory.
The technical teaching takes place in the after-
noon, and comprises elementary mathematics,
practical navigation, the construction and use
of fishing apparatus, the curing and preserv-
ing of fish, the making and repairing of
nets, to catch only marketable fish. The
school of Marseilles is located in an old warship.
The pupils are received between the ages of 10
and 16, and must remain for a period of two
years. The general management of the schools
proceeds on the same lines, and hints and ideas
are freely borrowed from the Fish Fishery
School, at Baltimore, in the County of Cork.

The Paris Faculty of Medicine has thrown
some fresh light on the mysterious sleeping
sickness. The results of the exhaustive inquiry
confirm that the malarial which prevailed to
such an extent in French Africa is really the
outcome of a sting or bite by a member of the
mosquito family. The disease has been known
to take as long as eight years to develop. It
generally attacks strong, healthy young men,
and is found most frequently in well-watered
districts; it is also most prevalent in the wet
season. Though no cure for the disease has as
yet been discovered, the Government, who
intends to continue its inquiries, hopes before
long to publish fresh facts about sleeping sick-
ness. The medical world at home is engaged
on the subject, and trusts to succeed in its aim
—to find a cure. With time, this difficulty
will be overcome.

The creation of more friendly relations between
France and Siam is gradually becoming a *fait
accompli*. The French who are very sanguine
about this, will have to thank their old friend,
England, for successfully bringing about such
an issue. The negotiations which have been
going on since some time between the two
countries have borne good fruits. M. Delcasse
never lost hope, though he was severely blamed
by his countrymen for the delay that has oc-
curred in coming to an arrangement. Rome
was not built in a day. Had it not been for the
Parliamentary influences of M. Etienne, and his
Charismatic followers, who did not at all relish
the idea of a settlement depriving them of pin-
pricking opportunities against England, the
formal agreement executed two years ago
between M. Delcasse and the Siamese Minister
in Paris—which, after all, only needed French
ratification to remove every point of dispute,
and so establish a lasting *modus vivendi*—every-
thing would now be settled amicably. Since
Anglo-French friendship is restored, French
men are made to come to terms with Siam; nobody has
been or is more anxious to do this than the
Bangkok Government. The French—especially
the Colonial Party—ought to bear in mind
that the Siamese are willing to concede con-
siderable territory to France, as a make-
weight, in addition to meeting all expenses of
policing the neutral zone on the right bank of
the Mekong. What more do they want?
Other points in dispute will also be satisfactorily
settled.

Quite a sensation has been created at Toulon
by the murder of Lieutenant Trouill's wife.
The tragic affair is the outcome of revenge on
the part of a private soldier who was recently
dismissed, because he had fallen violently in love
with the murdered woman. Taking advantage
of the officer's absence, he returned to the house,
where she was, attacked Madame Trouill most
savagely, and after a most dreadful struggle,
threw his victim out of the window. The
murderer has happily been arrested.
The continued adulteration of cider in France
is causing a great deal of alarm in Normandy
and other parts. Competition was bad enough,
remark tradesmen, but falsification is certainly
worse still. As most people are aware, the
French cider industry has hardly been able to
hold its own for some time, owing to fierce
foreign rival trade, so that the new danger-
competition—comes, when the industry is already
seriously affected. What does the Government
intend to do? That is really the question
which all manufacturers are asking. Delay
spells ruin, while the historical reputation of

French cider is at stake. The authorities, while
perfectly understanding the effect which the
new danger is exercising on the minds of
old-established and reliable firms, are doing
their best to restore confidence and self-reliance.
Now that food inspectors have established
beyond doubt the existence of fraud, the very
thing which the Government was anxious to
possess before starting on its punitive expedi-
tion, analysts have been sent, not only to
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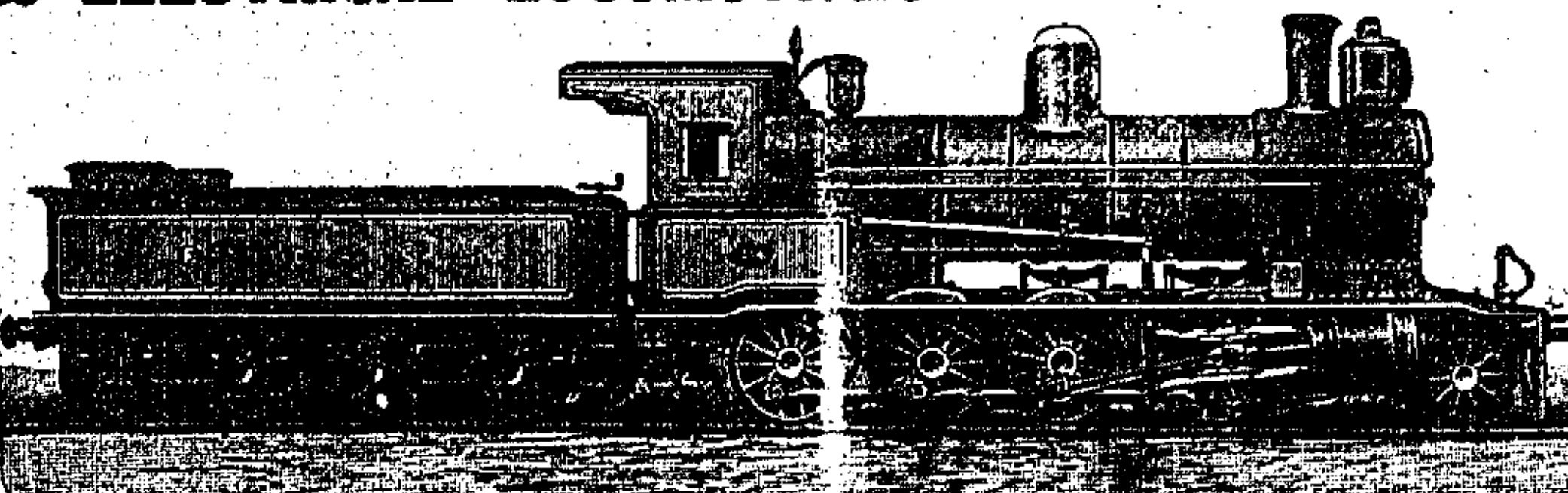
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LONDON and ANTWERP	"AJAX"	On 15th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	On 29th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 24th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 20th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.

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TIENSIN	"CHILIT"	On 1st March.
MANILA	"CHENAN"	On 2nd March, 4 P.M.
ILOILO	"WUCHANG"	On 3rd March, 4 P.M.
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E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1904.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1904.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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